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## Student Medication

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### **I. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this policy is to set forth the provisions that must be followed when administering medication to students at school by school personnel.

### **II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY**

Minneapolis Public Schools acknowledge that some students may require prescribed drugs or medication during the instructional day. While the district recognizes that parent/guardians have the major responsibility for the maintenance of their child's health, the district will cooperate in complying with a medical treatment plan to assure the student's ability to attend school and receive instruction. School health personnel will administer prescribed medications in accordance with law and school district procedures. School staff will not administer homeopathic or non-traditional medicines, including herbal remedies and dietary supplements. All medications administered by school staff must be FDA approved and listed in the Physicians Desk Reference (PDR).

### **III. POSSESSION OF MEDICATION**

Except as excluded from this policy below, students may not be in possession of prescription or non-prescription medications while on school property. All medication to be used by the student during the school day must be in the possession of the school health personnel according to the procedures established by the District Nursing Supervisors unless excluded below

### **IV. EXCEPTIONS**

The following are not governed by this policy:

- A. Special health treatments and health functions, such as those described below, do not constitute administration of drugs and medicine, to wit:
  - 1. catheterization
  - 2. tracheostomy suctioning
  - 3. gastrostomy feedings.
- B. Emergency Health procedures, including emergency administration of drugs and medicine;

- C. Drugs or medicine provided or administered by a public health agency to prevent or control an illness or disease outbreak;
- D. Drugs or medicine used at school in connection with services for which a minor may give effective consent;
- E. Drugs or medicines that are self-administered following the self-administration regulations;
- F. Drugs or medications that are used off school grounds;
- G. Drugs or medicine that are used in connection with athletics or extracurricular activities;
- H. Drugs or medicine that are used in connection with activities that occur before or after the regular school day;
- I. Non-prescription, over the counter, pain medication used by a secondary student following district regulations.

**V. RESPONSIBILITY**

The Superintendent shall establish regulations to implement this policy.

***Legal References:***

Minn. Stat. § 13.32 (Student Health Data)  
Minn. Stat. § 121A.21 (Health Personnel)  
Minn. Stat. § 121A.22 (Administration of Drugs and Medicine)  
Minn. Stat. § 121A.221 (Possession and Use of Asthma Inhalers by Asthmatic Students)  
Minn. Stat. § 121A.222 (Possession and Use of Nonprescription Pain Relievers by Secondary Students)  
Minn. Stat. § 121A.2205 (Possession and Use of Nonsyringe Injectors of Epinephrine)  
Minn. Stat. § 151.212 (Label of Prescription Drug Containers)  
20 U.S.C. 1400 *et seq.* (Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004)  
29 U.S.C. 794 *et seq.* (Rehabilitation Act of 1973, § 504)  
42 U.S.C. 1301 *et seq.* (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act – HIPAA)  
45 CFR 164 (HIPAA)

***Cross References:***

MPS Policy 5631 Drug Free Schools, Chemical Health, Use and Abuse